

1. An ink cassette and interlock member for mounting on a printer carriage, comprising:

an ink cassette;

an interlock member for selective attachment to the carriage of a printer; and,

first and second means respectively on said cassette and said interlock member for releasably interengaging said cassette and said interlock member.

2. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 1, wherein said interlock member includes at least one extended tab, said at least one extended tab is releasably interengaged with said cassette.

3. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 2, wherein said tab includes a trapezoidal profile.

4. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 2, wherein said tab is releasably interengaged with a first family of ink cassettes, said first family of ink cassettes include edible ink.

5. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 1, wherein said interlock member includes at least one extended tab thereby preventing insertion of a second family of ink cassettes.

6. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 5, wherein said tab is releasably interengaged with a first family of ink cassettes, said first family of ink cassettes include edible ink.

7. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 6, wherein said second family of ink cassettes include non-edible ink.

8. An ink cassette and interlock member for mounting on a printer carriage, comprising:

an ink cassette;

an interlock member for selective attachment to the carriage of a printer comprising an inside leg and an outside leg including a connecting member therebetween;

said inside leg connected to said interlock member cooperative with a slot in said ink cassette for releasably interengaging said cassette and said interlock member.

9. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 8, wherein said carriage includes a chute having an upper peripheral edge;

said inside leg and said outside leg slidably engage opposing surfaces of a side of said chute; and,

said connecting member seated upon a portion of said peripheral edge when said interlock member connected to said chute.

10. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 9, wherein said interlock member includes at least one extended tab and said tab is releasably interengaged with said cassette.

11. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 10, wherein said tab includes a trapezoidal profile.

12. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 10, wherein said tab is releasably interengaged with a first family of ink cassettes, said first family of ink cassettes include edible ink.

13. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 8, wherein said interlock member includes at least one extended tab thereby preventing insertion of a second family of ink cassettes.

14. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 13, wherein said tab is releasably interengaged with a first family of ink cassettes, said first family of ink cassettes include edible ink.

15. The ink cassette and interlock member of claim 14, wherein said second family of ink cassettes include non-edible ink.

16. A method of mounting an ink cassette in a printer carriage chute comprising the steps of:

providing an interlock member having one of a mating projection and recess thereon;

providing an ink cassette with the other of the mounting projection and recess;

connecting said interlock member to a printer carriage chute; and,
interengaging the mating projection and recess.

17. The method of claim 16, further including the steps of:

providing a first family of ink cassettes, said first family of ink cassettes include said other of the mating projection and recess; and,

providing said first family of ink cassettes with edible ink.

18. The method of claim 17, further including the steps of:

removing said first family of ink cassettes from said carriage chute;
and,

disconnecting said interlock member from said printer carriage chute thereby removing said one of a mating projection and recess within said carriage chute to allow insertion of a second family of ink cassettes.